1	2	3	4
21.	Sabarkantha	158	0.76
22.	Surat	1079	2.16
23.	Surendranagar	44	0.29
24.	Vadodra	897	2.46
25.	Valsad	962	6.82
	Total	**8293**	—
	Hospital	**370**	—
	Grand Total	**8663**	**1.71**

Membership of MCI

1501. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Medical Council of India is vested with powers to maintain standards in medical profession and recognize or de-recognize Medical Colleges;

(b) if so, how is it that MCI was having more nominated members than elected members; and

(c) the action taken against those flouting the provisions of the Act and misuse their position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The Medical Council of India is vested with powers to maintain standards in medical profession and recommend to the Central Government for recognition or de-recognition of medical courses conducted by the medical colleges/institutes in the country.

(b) and (c) Out of the present effective strength of 118 in the Medical Council of India there are 45 vacancies in the Council. Of these, 44 vacancies are from the elected category of members representing the Universities, the Registered Medical Graduates in the States and the persons with Licentiate medical qualification. In spite of repeated requests made by the Central Government and the

Medical Council of India, some of the Universities and the Returning Officers who are required to conduct elections for these categories have not been able to do so for a long time due to various technical difficulties.

De-reservation of vacancies in CGHS

1502. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of vacancies/posts in CGHS, Delhi and outside Delhi reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs are being de-reserved and filled by others despite imposition of a ban on de-reservation of various group C & D vacancies reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of instances where vacancies/posts reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs have been de-reserved and filled by persons other than those for whom they were reserved sine 1st January, 1999 to till date in CGHS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Changes in the Provisions of Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994

1503. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisions of Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 are being flouted by private nursing homes in urban and rural areas for sex-determination; and

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating any change in the Act and making sex-determination test very stringent and even making it a crime?